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GOVERNMENT OF PUNJAB
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES
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NOTIFICATION

The 30th January, 2024

No. WR-IRWR014/3/2024-IW2/445.-

Sub:- Policy on Construction of Water Storage Ponds for Water Conservation 2024.

1. The basic objective of the Policy is to save the top fertile soil, which is currently being dug out from a vast area and is used for various infrastructure projects, to conserve depleting ground water and also to provide irrigation facility to the farmers. This policy shall be called as '**Construction of Water Storage Ponds-Water Conservation Policy 2024**'.
2. This policy shall be applicable from the date of its notification by the State Government.
3. Main features of the policy are:-
 - (i) Any Agency/ Individual/L&C Societies are eligible for submission of the application for the creation of Ponds within the State of Punjab and will have to first register with the Department.
 - (ii) Minimum one acre of land is required while applying for the participation.
 - (iii) Any Agency/ Individual/ L&C Societies shall purchase the land and get the chak of land (minimum one acre) transferred in the name of Department of Water Resources, Punjab after allotment of work but before starting the work on site.
 - (iv) The agency shall submit the purchase agreement or ownership deed along with the application.
 - (v) The land shall be transferred in the name of Department of Water Resources before starting the actual execution on the site, if the work is allotted.
 - (vi) The selection of area shall be done by the agency in such a way that canal water can be made easily available to fill the pond.
 - (vii) For the Design of Pond stability, Pilot bore upto 15 mtr depth will be done by the agency on the proposed area to get the lithology of the area. NOC shall be obtained from the Department of Water Resources (Canal Administration) for this purpose and usually not be declined.

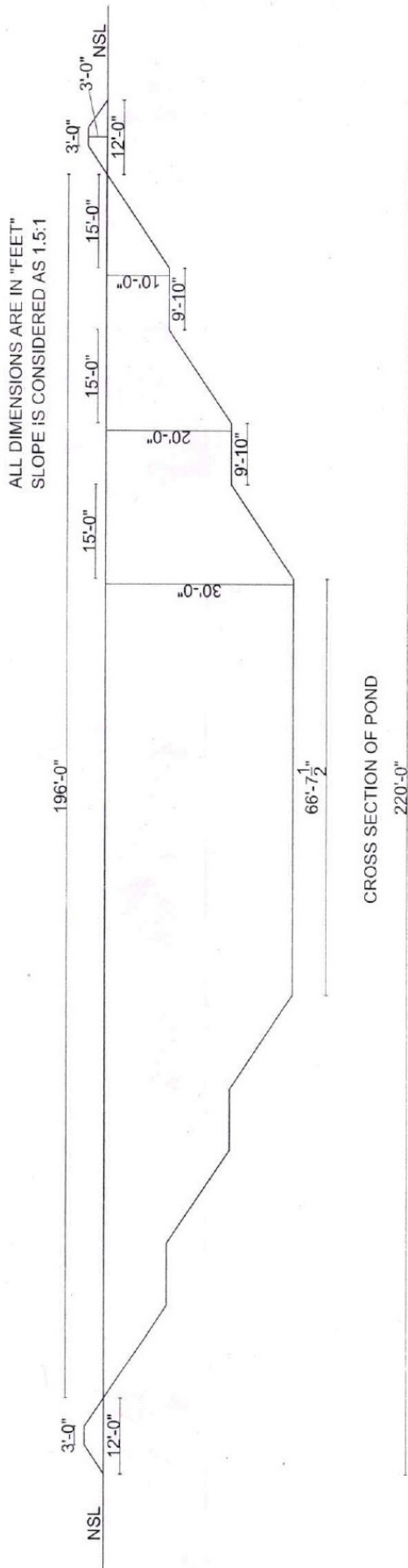
- (viii) Mining permit and all other mandatory clearances including Environmental Clearance, if required, shall be obtained by the successful bidder at his own level and cost before the start of the work from the Department of Mines and Geology.
- (ix) The expenditure for purchasing and mutation of land in name of Department of Water Resources, Pilot bore of area or any other site testing (required), excavation of pond, fencing of pond, connectivity of pond with the existing source of canal water (as per approved by CE/Design Water System) shall be borne by the agency/ an individual L&C Society as the case may be. No claim in this regard shall be entertained by Department of Water Resources at any stage.
- (x) Only the excavated earth shall be used for creation of dower or banks around the pond. Any surplus excavated earth available shall be allowed to be carried by the applicant agency only after he pays the royalty as applicable to the Department of Mines and Geology, Government of Punjab by the agency. The agency may thereafter use this surplus earth as it deems appropriate.
- (xi) The pond site shall be handed over to the Department of Water Resources only after completion of excavation work, construction of bundh, construction of infrastructure for connecting pond with canal source and requisite regulation structure.
- (xii) The Bank Guarantee amounting to Rs. 10 lacs shall be deposited by the successful bidder which shall be released after the water is released in the pond and pipe network is made operational. If any disposal of the earth takes place then the successful bidder has to deposit the requisite charges of mining as admissible from time to time to the concerned District Mining Officer.
- (xiii) In case of any dispute, concerned Superintending Engineer/Canals of the Water Resources Department will be the sole Arbitrator and his decision shall be final.
- (xiv) The agency shall leave the site clean to the full satisfaction of the Department of Water Resources and relinquish all the rights and liabilities.
- (xv) Consent of all the owners falling along the way of water course or pipeline to bring canal water to the pond shall be obtained by the applicant at his own level. Such consent shall be submitted along with the proposal/bid.
- (xvi) Site plan showing the location of the pond and its proposed connectivity shall be prepared and submitted by the agency at the time of bidding.
- (xvii) Sides of the pond shall be raised by 3 foot from the level of Natural Surface Level as per attached Cross Section Drawing.
- (xviii) An information board showing details/drawing of the pond shall be installed at pond site by the successful bidder at his own level and cost.

4. For any clarification regarding the provisions of this Policy and for finalisation of forms and other procedures, the Principal Secretary, Water Resources will be the Competent Authority.

Chandigarh

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CONSTRUCTION OF POND FOR 1 ACRE LAND



Note: 1. The above cross section is for one Acre area of land. The dimensions may vary if the area of land differs.
2. The Slope of the inner sides may vary as per the Soil Stability Test Report.